MINUTES OF THE FLOOR MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Eightieth Session June 3, 2019

The Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections was called to order by Chair Sandra Jauregui at 1:56 p.m. on Monday, June 3, 2019, behind the bar of the Assembly.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Assemblywoman Sandra Jauregui, Chair Assemblyman Ozzie Fumo, Vice Chair Assemblyman Skip Daly Assemblyman John Hambrick Assemblyman Glen Leavitt Assemblyman William McCurdy II Assemblywoman Brittney Miller Assemblywoman Daniele Monroe-Moreno Assemblyman Tom Roberts Assemblywoman Selena Torres

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Risa Lang, Chief Deputy, Legal Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau Carol Stonefield, Committee Policy Analyst Christopher Roske, Committee Manager Catherine Bodenstein, Committee Secretary

Chair Jauregui:

[Roll was called.] We will start a work session on Senate Bill 123 (3rd Reprint).

Senate Bill 123 (3rd Reprint): Revises provisions relating to elections. (BDR 24-726)

Carol Stonefield, Committee Policy Analyst:

<u>Senate Bill 123 (3rd Reprint)</u> was heard in this Committee on June 2, 2019. It was presented by Senator James Ohrenschall, Senate District No. 21. <u>Senate Bill 123 (3rd Reprint)</u> makes various changes to provisions relating to election security, including the following:



- The Secretary of State must establish a pilot program to conduct risk-limiting audits of the 2020 General Election. These audits will become permanent beginning with the 2022 General Election;
- The Secretary of State must adopt regulations for conducting a risk-limiting audit of an election and requires security testing of electronic poll books;
- The Secretary of State must assign a unique identifier to a petition for initiative or referendum;
- Obsolete provisions relating to the Federal Elections Commission, acceptance of candidacy, and certificate of candidacy;
- Procedures to handle tie votes in certain nonpartisan primary city elections are provided;
- Protections are provided for property owners who rent their property for use as polling places; and
- Revisions are made to provisions relating to the selection of political party affiliation when an affiliation is not selected at registration.

A conceptual amendment has been proposed to resolve conflicts with <u>Assembly Bill 345</u> (<u>3rd Revision</u>), an enrolled bill. Resolution of other conflicts are also proposed in the conceptual amendment.

[Risa Lang, Chief Deputy, Legal Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau, walked the Committee through the conceptual amendment prepared for the Assembly Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections and prepared by the Legal Division to make the language of Senate Bill 123 (3rd Reprint) be consistent with the language in Assembly Bill 345 (3rd Revision).]

Chair Jauregui:

I will entertain a motion to amend and do pass Senate Bill 123 (3rd Reprint).

ASSEMBLYWOMAN TORRES MADE A MOTION TO AMEND AND DO PASS SENATE BILL 123 (3RD REPRINT).

ASSEMBLYMAN McCURDY SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion? [There was none.]

THE MOTION PASSED. (ASSEMBLYWOMAN MONROE-MORENO WAS ABSENT FOR THE VOTE.)

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I will assign the floor statement to Assemblyman McCurdy.

Is there any public comment? [There was none.]

We are in recess [at 1:58 p.m.].

I call the meeting back to order [at 7:20 p.m.]. I will open a work session on Senate Concurrent Resolution 10.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 10: Directs the Legislative Commission to study the feasibility, viability and design of a public healthcare insurance plan that may be offered to all residents of this State. (BDR R-1284)

Carol Stonefield, Committee Policy Analyst:

<u>Senate Concurrent Resolution 10</u> was presented in this Committee today by Senator Yvanna D. Cancela, Senate District No. 10.

<u>Senate Concurrent Resolution 10</u> directs the Legislative Commission to study the feasibility, viability, and design of a public healthcare insurance plan that may be offered to all residents of the state of Nevada. There are no amendments to this resolution.

Chair Jauregui:

I will entertain a motion to adopt Senate Concurrent Resolution 10.

ASSEMBLYMAN McCURDY MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 10.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN TORRES SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion? [There was none.]

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

I will assign the floor statement to myself.

I will open a work session on Senate Concurrent Resolution 11.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 11: Directs the Legislative Commission to appoint a committee to conduct an interim study of issues relating to pretrial release of defendants in criminal cases. (BDR R-1295)

Carol Stonefield, Committee Policy Analyst:

<u>Senate Concurrent Resolution 11</u> was presented in this Committee today by Holly Welborn, American Civil Liberties Union of Nevada.

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<u>Senate Concurrent Resolution 11</u> directs the Legislative Commission to appoint a committee to conduct an interim study of issues relating to pretrial release of defendants in criminal cases. There are no amendments to this resolution.

Chair Jauregui:

I will entertain a motion to adopt **Senate Concurrent Resolution 11**.

ASSEMBLYMAN FUMO MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 11.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN TORRES SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion? [There was none.]

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

I will assign the floor statement to myself.

I will open a work session on Senate Joint Resolution 8.

Senate Joint Resolution 8: Proposes to amend the Nevada Constitution to guarantee equal rights. (BDR C-1278)

Carol Stonefield, Committee Policy Analyst:

<u>Senate Joint Resolution 8</u> was presented in this Committee today by Senator Yvanna D. Cancela, Senate District No. 10.

<u>Senate Joint Resolution 8</u> proposes to amend the *Nevada Constitution* by adding a guarantee that equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by this state or any of its political subdivisions on account of race, color, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, disability, ancestry or national origin. There are no amendments for consideration at this time.

If approved in identical form during the 2021 Legislative Session, the proposal will be submitted to the voters for final approval or disapproval at the 2022 General Election.

Chair Jauregui:

I will entertain a motion to do pass Senate Joint Resolution 8.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN TORRES MADE A MOTION TO DO PASS SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MILLER SECONDED THE MOTION.

Is there any discussion on the motion?

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Assemblyman Roberts: I appreciate this resolution, but I am concerned about the speed of the process. I reserve my right to change my vote on the floor.	
Assemblyman Hambrick: Ditto.	
Assemblyman Leavitt: Ditto.	
THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.	
I will assign the floor statement to myself.	
The meeting is adjourned [at 7:22 p.m.].	
	RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:
	Catherine Bodenstein Committee Secretary
APPROVED BY:	
Assemblywoman Sandra Jauregui, Chair	_
DATE:	_